

## ABLE ELECTORS WERE ELECTED

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the Democracy.

### CAMPAIGN OPENS IN FALL.

Something About Who These Electors  
Are and Their Position and In-  
fluence in Virginia  
Politics.



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The Democratic side of the presidential canvass in Virginia next fall promises to be replete with brilliant oratory, and the highest order of stump-speaking.

This is clearly indicated by the fact that the Norfolk Convention chose as electors twelve of the ablest and best-equipped public speakers in the ranks of the party, whose duty and pleasure it will be to preach the gospel of Democracy from every hutch in the Commonwealth from the rugged mountains of far-off Lee, to where the billows of the broad and beautiful Chesapeake wash the sands of the Eastern Shore.

**WILL OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.**

Some time in the early days of September, Hon. J. Taylor Eliason, the Director-General of the Virginia Democracy, whose splendid leadership ever inspires confidence among the rank and file of the party, will take his place at the head of the column, and Colonel Joseph Butten, the grand recorder of the "tribe" will be at his bidding, saying, "Ready! Aim! Fire!" And the campaign of '00, which promises to be as memorable as that of '88, will have been formally opened.

Almost simultaneously, these twelve "spell-binders," to whom I have referred, will mount the stump in different sections of the State, and from that hour until Saturday night before the first Tuesday in November, the welkin will be made to ring with eloquence, as they go up and down the old Commonwealth, driving terror into the ranks of the enemy.

There are some remarkable coincidences in connection with the personnel of these twelve electors.

**ALL BUT ONE ARE LAWYERS.**

For instance, they are all lawyers with one single exception.

All save two have seen service in the General Assembly of Virginia, seven of them being members of the present Legislature, and three having served in former bodies.

Four of the eleven, who are lawyers, are at present serving as attorneys for the Commonwealth in their respective counties.

It is looked upon as a further coincidence that the two electors-at-large are not only both members of the Virginia Senate, but are also leading candidates for the Democratic nomination for Attorney-General next year.

They are John William Hodges Mann, of Nottingham, and Senator John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper.

Judge Mann and Senator Jeffries are classed among the very ablest lawyers in the State, and are widely known for their eloquent and convincing manner of public speaking.

They will worthily wear the honors conferred upon them by their party, and which in the struggles of the past, have rested upon the shoulders of so many of Virginia's distinguished sons.

Besides the two electors-at-large, there are ten others in the State, whose special duty it is to canvass the several counties and cities embraced in their respective congressional districts.

These twelve Democrats, if chosen at the polls, will constitute the electoral college of Virginia, and will meet some time in December next and cast the entire vote of the State for the Democratic nominees for President and Vice-President.

**THE "OLD FIRST" IN LINE.**

The "Old First" District, ever prolific of talented and brilliant leaders, comes forward with an able and eloquent young lawyer, in the person of Hon. Thomas J. Downing, Commonwealth's Attorney of the county of Lancaster.

Mr. Downing's clean shaven, clear cut Roman features, and graceful carriage, make him a man of fine personal appearance, and being exceedingly logical and engaging in his style of speaking, he is one of the most attractive stumpers in his section.

He has spoken in all the counties of the First Congressional District in former contests, and has made a fine impression upon those who heard him.

Hon. John Whitehead, of Norfolk City, who will do the honors for the Second District, is the only one of the dozen "spell-binders" who is not a lawyer.

He is a newspaper man of prominence, and has long been an active worker in the ranks of the party in his section.

Mr. Whitehead is a member of the Virginia Legislature, and is a speaker of rare force and ability.

Being a man of tireless energy, and having the interests of his party thoroughly at heart, he may be relied upon, if necessary, to speak at every cross-roads in

Tidewater Virginia, before the 6th day of next November.

**A BRILLIANT ORATOR.**

The Democrats of the Third District chose wisely when they placed their trust in the hands of the Hon. Samuel L. Kelley, whose admiring friends delight to call him the second Anthony M. Kelley, of Richmond.

Mr. Kelley is indeed an orator of no mean distinction, and his well-modulated and eloquent voice will charm the voters of the old "Metropolitan District," on many an autumn evening before the contest ends.

He is serving his first term as a member of the House of Delegates, in which body he displayed evidences of splendid oratorical ability on several occasions last winter.

He is a prominent young attorney, and a member of the firm of Kelley & Edwards, of this city.

Hon. Robert Turnbull, ex-Senator from Brunswick, is the color-bearer of the Fourth District Democracy, for the coming presidential struggle.

Mr. Turnbull, a lawyer, has long been prominent in the councils of the party, and is an exceedingly logical and convincing speaker. The battle will be hot, as usual, in the Fourth, and Senator Turnbull will be called upon to do a great deal of "spell-binding" before the campaign is over.

There are few men, however, in Southside Virginia who are better prepared for the irksome task than Mr. Turnbull, and he may be relied upon to do his work faithfully and well.

**WITHERS A MAN OF BRAINS.**

The Fifth District Democracy will be led by one of the very brainiest young men in the State, in the person of the Hon. Eugene Withers, of the city of Danville.

It is to Senator Withers more than to any other man, that the credit is due for the triumph of a Constitutional Convention in this State.

He took the question up, became its thorough master, and acquitted it five years ago, and he is now ready to do it again, and in that agitation the brilliant young Senator was all the while laying the foundation deep and broad for the splendid victory of the month of November.

Senator Withers is a logical and forceful speaker, and, being a great student, is thoroughly posted on all the issues of the day.

He is in every way admirably equipped for making a great canvass in a national contest, and will prove the equal in debate of any who may meet him.

**IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT.**

Senator Graham Clayton, of Bedford, is the Democratic elector for the Sixth District.

He is Commonwealth's Attorney for his county, and a man of deserved popularity and prominence in his section.

Mr. Clayton is as gentle in his manner as a woman, and was a great favorite in the Legislature here last winter.

He has a musical voice, his bearing is graceful and he is a most pleasing public speaker.

Being a man of exceeding modesty, he does not seek controversy, but if thrust upon him, he may be relied upon to stand up for his rights and for his principles, which he will espouse in the approaching canvass.

The "spell-binders" for the Seventh District Democracy is Captain Richard S. Parks, of Page, a prominent leader in the House of Delegates, and for many years the very able Commonwealth's Attorney for his county.

Public speaking is no new business to Captain Parks; his long service in public life being sufficient evidence that he has had much of it to do.

He is one of those vigorous stumpers, who, under the volcanic blasts of those honor-ous voice the very earth seems to tremble.

His plain, logical, straightforward manner never fails to impress his hearers with his honesty of purpose, or to carry conviction at once to their hearts.

Captain Parks will make the mountains and valleys of the Seventh District ring with eloquence, from Howardsville to the Maryland line, and those who have the courage to oppose him will find in his "roar" worthy of their steel."

**AN ABLE YOUNG LAWYER.**

The Democracy of the Eighth Congressional District have delegated Hon. L. H. Machen, of Fairfax, a young attorney of splendid ability, to carry their flag in the contest now about to open.

Mr. Machen made a fine impression upon his people in the campaigns of 1898-'99, in both of which he rendered valuable service to the party on the stump.

He is peculiarly gifted as an orator, being one of the most eloquent and convincing young speakers in Northern Virginia.

It would have been altogether unlike the Eighth District to have chosen any other

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kind of man, for such a place, for there is no section of the State that can boast of a greater number of strong men than the Ninth District.

Hon. R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, ex-member of the House of Delegates, from Wise county, and one of the most distinguished lawyers in the State, has been chosen to the Democratic chieftain for the Ninth District.

Mr. Irvine is a native of Kentucky, and brings with him many of the splendid gifts as a public speaker, for which his sons of the old Blue Grass State have long been famous.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and a member of the Board of Visitors of that institution.

**A STRONG PARTY LEADER.**

Mr. Irvine is a man of wide personal acquaintance and popularity, and for some time past has been a prominent figure in the affairs of the Democratic party in the State.

The people of the Ninth District enjoy good political speaking, and with Judge Rhea and Mr. Irvine on the stump out there this year, they will have the pleasure of listening to some as fine as can be produced.

The "spell-binders" for the "fighting Tenth" is the Hon. Pembroke Pettit, the tall sycamore of "Old Fluvanna."

Mr. Pettit may be very justly termed the Democratic idol of his county, and is deservedly popular throughout the entire district.

He is Commonwealth's Attorney of Fluvanna; a member of the House of Delegates, and also of the State Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Pettit has served his people with marked ability many times before in the Legislature, having been elected to the Senate when he was quite a young man.

In the last House he made a gallant fight for more liberal pensions to the old soldiers, and he placed himself very close to their hearts.

**A NARROW DEFEAT.**

He was for a long time reading clerk in the National House of Representatives and two years ago came within 29 votes of capturing the Democratic nomination for Congress in his district, having received as high as 51 votes on one ballot, when it required but 50 to nominate.

The nomination for elector was given Mr. Pettit by acclamation at Norfolk, and he will enter upon his duties with the prestige of long prominence in Democratic politics behind him.

He is a favorite stumper in the district, and his speeches always bristle with timely anecdotes and sparkling humor.

There seems to be some little doubt at present whom the "shoe-string district" Democrats will nominate for Congress, but whom he may be, will not detract from the fact that Mr. Pettit is an able and faithful champion, and a man who, while discharging his duties as elector, will at the same time prove of infinite value in helping to land a Democratic Congressman from the district.

**MANY SUITS IN CITY COURTS.**

Miller & Winston Against T. L. Emory—Case of I. J. Hawkes.

Suit was instituted in the City Circuit Court yesterday by Miller & Winston against T. L. Emory for \$300 damages.

Judgment was rendered in this court in favor of the Plankers' National Bank, of C. R. and Charles M. Angle for \$35.

A motion for judgment was filed in the Law and Equity Court yesterday by I. J. Hawkes against the Co-operative Investment Company of Richmond for damages to the amount of \$28.25.

A suit was filed for divorce in the Law and Equity Court yesterday by Emma Braxton against Philip Braxton on grounds of desertion. The plaintiff is represented by Mr. Alfred E. Cohen.

In the Circuit Court yesterday judgment was rendered in the case of the Plankers' National Bank vs. C. R. Angle and C. M. Angle for \$175.

**To Take a Richmond Bride.**

Miss Eva B. de Treville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard de Treville, will be married to Mr. Rodman Paul Snelling on next Tuesday.

Mr. Snelling is a well known manufacturer of Drushan, Mass.

**SUMMER TOURISTS' RATES**

Via Southern Railway, Commencing June 1st and Continuing Until September 30, 1900.

The Southern Railway will sell Summer Excursion tickets to the various resorts and watering places located on its lines as well as on the lines of its connecting roads at greatly reduced rates. West Point, Otterburn Springs, Chase City, Hickory, Marion, Blowing Rock, Asheville, Tryon City, Hot Springs and many other resorts reached via the Southern Railway. The above rates will be valid for return passage until October 31, 1900. For further information, Summer Homes Folders, etc., apply to any agent Southern Railway, Richmond Transfer Company or C. W. WESTBURY, Richmond, Va.

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.**

Philadelphia, Penn. June 10, 1900.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway will sell tickets from all ticket stations on its line to Philadelphia and return at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be valid for return passage from June 15th to 15th, inclusive, with return limit June 26th. From Richmond the Southern Railway offers the beautiful route via the York River Line, leaving Richmond 4:30 P. M. daily, except Sunday, you arrive in Baltimore at 8:30 A. M. following morning and Philadelphia at 11 A. M., giving choice of routes from Baltimore either B. & O. or P. & R. R. The rate from Richmond to Philadelphia and return will be \$5.80.

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President-TATNALL PAULING.  
Secretary-HENRY LILBURN.  
Principal Office-THIRD AND WALNUT STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
Incorporated-APRIL 10, 1855; Commenced Business-AUGUST 6, 1855.

CAPITAL.  
Amount of capital stock authorized..... \$1,000,000 00  
Amount of capital paid up in cash..... 702,875 00

ASSETS.  
Book value of real estate owned by the company..... \$155,264 50  
Loans on mortgage (duly recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple)..... 128,700 00

BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY:

	Book Value.	Market Value.
United States Registered Bonds.....	\$111,044 00	\$112,166 67
State of Georgia Registered Bonds.....	24,812 50	26,542 50
State of Tennessee Bonds.....	2,320 00	2,320 00
City of Camden Bonds.....	30,810 00	31,800 00
City of Newark (N. J.) Bonds.....	75,900 00	77,200 00
City of Richmond (Va.) Bonds.....	28,560 00	28,560 00
City of Springfield (Ill.) Bonds.....	26,012 50	25,833 33
Lehigh Valley Railway Co. Registered Bonds.....	25,170 70	25,170 70
Allegheny Valley R. R. Co. Bonds.....	60,450 00	60,450 00
Allegheny Valley R. R. Co. Consolidated Bonds.....	102,162 50	98,437 50
Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Co. Registered Bonds.....	60,440 00	47,000 00
Delaware Land Company First Mortgage Bonds.....	33,656 25	30,150 00
Mortgage Trust Co. of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Bonds.....	15,000 00	10,825 00
Wilmington and Northern R. R. Co. Bonds.....	35,293 75	26,541 67
Pittsburg, Youngstown and Ashtabula R. R. Co. Bonds.....	41,275 00	47,696 67
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange and St. Louis Bonds.....	25,531 22	27,157 50
Brooklyn Wharf and Warehouse Co. Bonds.....	20,525 00	14,533 33
Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore R. R. Co. Trust Certificates.....	24,400 00	31,500 00
People's Passenger Railway Co. Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.....	18,500 00	21,006 67
People's Passenger Railway Co. Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.....	10,742 45	10,833 33
Pittsburg, Shenandoah and Erie R. R. Mortgage Bonds.....	25,000 00	28,137 50
United Traction Co. of Pittsburg, First Mortgage Bonds.....	12,900 00	21,900 00
Lynn & Boston R. R. Co. First Mortgage Bonds.....	9,720 00	22,316 67
Allegheny Valley R. R. Co. General Mortgage Bonds.....	51,762 50	54,083 33
Johnston Steel Company Bonds.....	15,540 00	15,540 00
Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. Bonds.....	20,487 50	20,500 00
Pennsylvania R. R. Co. Stock.....	25,000 00	32,750 00
Underwriters' Salvage Co. Stock.....	1,000 00	150 00
Philadelphia Bourse Preferred Stock.....	375 00	157 50

Total book and market value (carried out as book value)..... \$964,924 50

Par Value, Market Value, Amt. Loaned Thereon.

North Chicago & St. Paul Railway Co. Debenture Bonds..... \$26,000 00 \$26,000 00 \$50,000 00

Chicago Passenger Railway Co. 5 per cent. Consol. Mfg. Bonds..... \$8,000 00 \$8,000 00 \$20,000 00

Bonds, Asphalt Company of America, 5's..... \$5,000 00 \$5,000 00 \$20,000 00

Total par and market value and amount loaned thereon..... \$100,000 00 \$95,500 00 \$75,000 00

Cash in company's office..... \$412 07

Cash belonging to the company deposited in bank..... 67,888 80

Sundry book accounts..... 932 15

Interest accrued on bonds and stocks, collateral loans and mortgages..... 15,167 00

Rents accrued..... 110,254 00

Gross premiums in force of collection, not more than three months due..... 45,416 72

Bills receivable, \$1,429.27; agents' debit balances, \$16,887.45..... 17,316 72

All other property belonging to the company..... \$4,735 59

Market value of real estate over book value..... 13,304 77

Reserve for fire risks, including interest, costs and other expenses..... 2,240 00

Premiums on perpetual policies in course of collection..... 20,000 00

Furniture and fixtures..... 35,960 02

Total..... \$1,065,829 11

Deduct for furniture and fixtures, \$20,000, and ledger liabilities, \$535.15..... 20,535 15

Aggregate amount of all assets of the company, stated at their actual value..... \$1,045,293 96

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unpaid to become due..... \$3,409 28

Losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reports and supposed losses..... 82,676 72

Losses reserved, including interest, costs and other expenses thereon..... 2,240 00

Total amount of claims for losses..... \$87,776 00

Deduct reinsurance thereon..... 21,807 00

Net amount of unpaid losses..... \$65,969 00

Gross premiums (less reinsurance) received and receivable from date of policy, including interest premiums on perpetual fire risks, running one year or less from date of policy, \$412,083.55; unearned premiums (50 per cent.)..... \$221,349 47

Gross premiums (less reinsurance) received and receivable from date of policy, \$265,538.47; unearned premiums (pro rata)..... 255,739 37

Total unearned premiums as computed above..... 577,142 84

Amount reclaimable by the insured on perpetual fire policies being 50 and 55 per cent. of the premium or interest received..... 102,645 50

Cash dividends to stockholders remaining unpaid..... 67,888 80

Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus..... \$745,535 24

Joint-stock capital actually paid up in cash..... 702,875 00

Divisible surplus..... 135,543 66

Aggregate amount of all liabilities, including paid-up capital stock, and net surplus..... \$1,045,293 96

**INCOME DURING THE YEAR.**

	Fire.	Marine and Inland.
Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year.....	\$116,145 13	
Net collected.....	116,145 13	
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year.....	\$238,174 54	
Total.....	\$1,041,316 37	
Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date.....	130,029 56	